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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: FLUOROMETRIC ASSAY FOR )

DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID )

CLEAVAGE

## REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action [final rejection] mailed on November 30, 1999, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 64, 65 and 101.

Also, please add the following additional claims:

--102. A method for continuously detecting a cleavage reaction by a fluorometric assay, which method includes the following steps: